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All claims are allowable. However, due to a potential interference, *ex parte* prosecution is RESUSPENDED FOR A PERIOD OF 6 MONTHS from the date of this letter. Upon expiration of the period of suspension, applicant should make an inquiry as to the status of the application.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Micheal Brannock, whose telephone number is (703) 306-5876. Dr. Brannock can generally be reached Monday through Friday from 9:30AM to 5:30PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Yvonne Eyler, can be reached at (703) 308-6564.

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